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Justin Odell Langford,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Barbara K. Cegavaske, et al.,

Defendant.

# CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

1. Name of appellant filing this case appeal statement:

Justin Odell Langford

2. Identify the judge issuing the decision, judgment or order appealed from:

Honorable Jim C. Shirley

3. Identify each appellant and the name and address of counsel for each appellant:

Justin Odell Langford #1159546

Pro Per 1200 Prison Road Lovelock Correctional Center Lovelock, NV. 89419 4. Identify each respondent and the name and address of appellate counsel, if known, for each respondent (if the name of a respondent's appellate counsel is unknown, indicate as much and provide the name and address of that respondent's trial counsel):

### Barbara K. Cegavaske

# Office of the Attorney General 100 North Carson Street Carson City, NV. 89701-4717

5. Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to question 3 or 4 is not licensed to practice law in Nevada and, if so whether the district court granted that attorney permission to appear under SCR 42 (attach a copy of any district court order granting such permission):

#### N/A

6. Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel in the district court:

#### No. Pro Per

7. Indicate whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained counsel on appeal:

#### No

8. Indicate whether appellant was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and the date of entry of the district court order granting such leave:

An Order to Proceed in Forma Pauperis was filed on 04/02/19.

9. Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court (e.g., date complaint, indictment, information, or petition was filed):

A Civil Rights Complaint Pursuant to 42 U.S.C §1983 was filed on 04/02/19.

10. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the district court:

Petitioner filed a Civil Rights Complaint Pursuant to 42 U.S.C §1983 on 04/02/19. An Order Granting Defendant's Motion to Dismiss was filed on

02/16/21. A Notice of Appeal was filed on 03/04/21, which resulted in this instant appeal.

11. Indicate whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court and, if so, the caption and Supreme Court docket number of the prior proceeding:

This case has not previously been appealed to the Supreme Court.

- 12. Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation: No
- 13. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of settlement: No, an Order Granting Defendant's Motion to Dismiss was filed.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

/s/ Carol Elerick Carol Elerick Senior Court Clerk P.O. Box H Lovelock, NV. 89419 (775) 273-2410

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Case Name: JUSTIN ODELL LANGFORD -VS- BARBARA K. CEGAVASKE

**Date Filed:** 04-01-2019 **Disposition:** Closed

#### Parties:

PL: JUSTIN ODELL LANGFORD

Address: 1200 PRISON ROAD LCC, LOVELOCK NV 89419

DF: BARBARA K CEGAVSKE

Atty: Douglas Rands

NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

J: Hon. Jim Shirley

#### Hearings:

10-02-2020 09:45 AM Motion Hearing

Status: Held

#### **Dockets:**

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01-06-2021Request for Submission Re: Reply to Plantiff's Opposition on Defendants Motion to Dismiss

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12-31-2020Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Motion to dismiss and Request to Have Defendants Motion to Dismiss Stricken

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12-17-2020Other Filing Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment 12-17-2020 43.1 Other Filing Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment

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07-16-2020Motion for Requesting Status check of Case and Copy of Court Docket Sheet 07-16-2020 28.1 Motion for Requesting Status check of Case and Copy of Court Docket Sheet

- 07-08-2020Request for Submission 07-08-2020 26.1 Request for Submission
- 07-08-2020Affidavit in Support of Default 07-08-2020 25.1 Affidavit in Support of Default
- 07-08-2020Application in Support of Default Judgment 07-08-2020 24.1 Application in Support of Default Judgment
- 07-08-2020Notice of Intent to Default 07-08-2020 23.1 Notice of Intent to Default
- 04-15-2020Request for Submission 04-15-2020 21.1 Request for Submission
- 04-06-2020Response Plaintiff's Response to Defendants Response to Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P.15

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- 03-19-2020Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15 03-19-2020 19.1 Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15
- 03-18-2020Request for Submission 03-18-2020 18.1 Request for Submission
- 03-10-2020Declaration Douglas R. Rands 03-10-2020 17.1 Declaration Douglas R. Rands
- 03-10-2020Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Defendant's Reply in Support of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, and for Sanctions

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- 03-05-2020Request for Submission 03-05-2020 15.1 Request for Submission
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- 02-24-2020Motion for Requesting Status Check of Case and Copy of Court Docket Sheet 02-24-2020 13.1 Motion for Requesting Status Check of Case and Copy of Court Docket Sheet
- 12-18-2019Motion to Strike Defendant's Reply in Support of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss for Fraud Upon the Court and Request for Sanctions to be Imposed

- 12-18-2019 12.1 Motion to Strike Defendant's Reply in Support of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss for Fraud Upon the Court and Request for Sanctions to be Imposed
- 11-04-2019Request for Judicial Action 11-04-2019 11.1 Request for Judicial Action
- 08-14-2019Notice of Substitution of Counsel Notice of Change of Deputy Attorney General 08-14-2019 10.1 Notice of Substitution of Counsel Notice of Change of Deputy Attorney General
- 07-24-2019Request for Submission Request for Submission of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss 07-24-2019 9.1 Request for Submission Request for Submission of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss
- 07-12-2019Reply In Support of Defendant's Motion to Dismss 07-12-2019 8.1 Reply In Support of Defendant's Motion to Dismss 07-12-2019 8.1.1 Exhibit A
- 06-19-2019Motion to Dismiss Defendants' Motion to Dismiss 06-19-2019 7.1 Motion to Dismiss Defendants' Motion to Dismiss
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- 04-02-2019Complaint General Civil Rights Complaint Pursuant to 42 U.S.C 1983 04-02-2019 4.1 Complaint General Civil Rights Complaint Pursuant to 42 U.S.C 1983 04-02-2019 4.1.1 Exhibit 1-4
- 04-02-2019Order To Proceed In Forma Pauperis 04-02-2019 3.1 Order To Proceed In Forma Pauperis
- 04-01-2019Certificate of Inmate's Institutional Account 04-01-2019 2.1 Certificate of Inmate's Institutional Account
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JUSTIN ODELL LANGFORD.

Plaintiff.

BARBARA K. CEGAVASKE, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

The Court has before it Defendant's, Barbara K. Cegavaske (Secretary Cegavaske), Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint. For reasons set forth below, the Court will grant Secretary Cegavaske's motion.

Justin Odell Langford (Langford) is an inmate currently incarcerated within the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) at Lovelock Correctional Center (LCC). On or about April 2, 2019, Langford submitted his Complaint in this Court, alleging "violation of [Secretary of State Cegavske's] oath of office . . . for the records of office not in her possession." See Compl. at 3. His First Amended Complaint is similar. See First Amended Complaint at 2.

Langford alleges Secretary of State Cegavske is the "constitutional record keeper" for the State of Nevada. See id. at 4. The Nevada Constitution has a procedure for amendment, but that procedure has not been followed. See id. Secretary of State Cegavske "has no copies of the senate bills that have been passed since the creation of the State, [she] tells you to contact the Legislative Counsel Bureau for the requested records." See id. Langford alleges he tried "to obtain a copy of Senate Bill No. 2 (1957)[,]" but Secretary of State Cegavske's office sent him a letter explaining that he should contact the Legislative Counsel Bureau. See id.; see also id. at 16.

Langford requests relief in the form of "punitive damages in total of \$1,750,000[,]" and injunctive relief ordering Secretary of Cegavske to "come in compliance with her oath of office," *See id.* at 8.

Secretary Cegavaske filed a Motion to Dismiss, alleging Langford lacks standing, has not properly served the complaint and has failed to state a claim, upon which relief can be granted. Langford filed an opposition to the motion, and Secretary Cevavaske replied. The Motion is properly before the Court.

A pleading is subject to certain rules; primary among them is that a plaintiff's complaint must adhere to NRCP 8(a). NRCP 8(a) provides:

A pleading which sets forth a claim for relief [. . .] shall contain (1) a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief; and (2) a demand for judgment for the relief the pleader seeks. Relief in the alternative or of several different types may be demanded.

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In this case, Langford fails to allege any injury he suffered as a result of not being provided records. See First Amended Compl. at 3–4. Langford asserts "a violation of a criminal defendant[']s due process rights[,]" but fails to explain how his specific rights were violated or how he was injured. See id. at 3. Langford's allegations of injury are non-existent, let alone conjectural or hypothetical. He argues the Secretary is not doing her job, but fails to allege or show personal injury. See Miller, 112 Nev. at 936 n.4, 921 P.2d at 885 n.4 (requiring an injury to be more than conjectural or hypothetical to maintain standing). Therefore, Langford is not entitled to proceed with this matter.

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Based on the above, it is:

HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Amended Complaint is GRANTED.

Submitted by:
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Attorney General
DOUGLAS R. RANDS, Bar No. 3572
Senior Deputy Attorney General
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## **Eleventh Judicial District Court**

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It is so Ordered.

Judge Shirley

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Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF ENTRY

vs.

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Defendant.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Court entered the ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS, on February 16, 2021, a true and correct copy of which is attached to this notice.

If this is a final order and if you wish to appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court, you must file a Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of this Court within 33 days after the date this notice is mailed/electronically served to you.

DATED this 23 day of February 2021.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the Eleventh Judicial District Court, and that on the date below, I caused to be served through the United States Postal Service, hand delivery and/or by electronic mail, a true and correct copy of the ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS in this matter, on February 23, 2021 on the following:

Justin Odell Langford #1159546 1200 Prison Rd. Lovelock, NV 89419

Douglas R. Rands Nevada Attorney General's Office drands@ag.nv.gov

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HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Amended Complaint is GRANTED.

Submitted by: AARON D. FORD

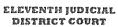
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#### **Eleventh Judicial District Court**

Case Title:

JUSTIN ODELL LANGFORD -VS- BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE

Case Number:

27CV-OTH-2019-0046

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Order

It is so Ordered.

Judge Shirley

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# IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PERSHING

10:21 a.m.

Case No. 27CV-OTH-2020-0057 And 27CV-OTH-2019-0046

WEDNESDAY, October 02, 2020

Justin Odell Langford

Plaintiff/Petitioner,

VS.

C/O Smith; Renee Baker; CaseWorker Lefleur; C. Potter; P Delporto; J.

Borrowman; D. Baze; T. Carpenter. And

Barbara K. Cegavske

Defendant/Respondent.

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Honorable Jim C. Shirley, presiding District Judge

Candice Boyce, Court Clerk

# Case Management Conference:

PRESENT:

Plaintiff, Justin Odell Langford, appearing telephonically and representing himself.

Douglas Rands, Senior Deputy Attorney General, appearing telephonically on behalf of the Defendants. And Andrea M. Dominguez.

All parties give 2 party consent to the hearing being telephonic and to being reported.

The Court stated that we will cover both cases and will start with case ending in 0046. The Court canvassed Mr. Langford regarding service of a Motion and Mr. Langford admitted that he did not attach a certificate of service.

The Court addressed an issue with a Default from 2019 and had discussion with Mr. Rands and Mr. Langford.

The Court addressed the Motion to Amend.

Mr. Langford gave argument.

The Court canvassed Mr. Langford regarding his argument.

Mr. Rands gave argument.

The Court Grants the Motion and stated that Mr. Langford has 20 days to file an Amended Complaint. Once the Motion is sent Mr. Rands has 14 days to respond.

The Court now moves onto case ending in 0057

The Court canvassed Mr. Langford regarding his certificate of service and his amended application for default. The Court and Mr. Langford have discussion regarding the issues with these documents.

Mrs. Dominguez gave argument.

The Court stated that he default is moot and the prior default be stricken from the record so it doesn't hold any weight or validity.

The Court asked the parties how long they need for discovery and both parties agree they need 90 days.

The Court ordered 90 days to complete discovery and 30 days to file dispositive motions and oppositions due 30 days after that and any replies due within 14 days after.

The Court confirmed with Mr. Langford that he withdrew the Amended and we are going off the original and Mr. Langford confirmed.

Court is in recess 10:58 a.m.

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Kate Martin				
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# ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Jim C. Shirley District Judge



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March 5, 2021

Elizabeth Brown Supreme Court Clerk 201 South Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701-4702

Re: Eleventh Judicial District – Pershing County
Case No. 27CV-OTH-2019-0046
Justin Odell Langford vs. Barbara K. Cegavaske, et al.

Enclosed, please find the following documents as it relates to an Appeal filed on

#### March 4, 2021:

- Certification
- Exhibit List (if applicable)
- Minutes (if applicable)
- Notice of Entry of Order (with Order)
- Judgment / Order
- District Court Docket
- Case Appeal Statement
- Notice of Appeal

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not

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Kate Martin Eleventh Judicial District Court Clerk

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